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GIVE US A REST.

Utah is the undoubted nucleus around which cluster the elements necessary to constitute a social and commercial empire. In whatever direction one may look or go, he is confronted by nature's own announcement of inexhaustible resources, illimitable fields for enterprise, and a people capable of carrying on any work in which intellectual, physical or financial genius takes a part. With such vast and splendid fields for the investment of labor and capital; with so much to explore and that which has been opened up not even approximately exhausted; with so many facilities for yielding the necessities, the comforts and even in some respects the luxuries of life; with natural attractions possessed by no other community under the sun, the student of practical economy might well and properly pause in his studies and say to himself, "Why do you overlook such grand resources, and instead of cultivating them, sacrifice the jewel opportunity on the altar of the demon discord?"

That Utah is in possession of such resources and facilities as, aided by the daring hand of enterprise and the magnetic power of capital, would place her in the front rank of commonwealths, cannot be denied; in fact, no one tries to deny it. Nature has showered her gifts upon us, and with a lavish hand bequeathed and given to her children all that they ought to ask to make themselves free and independent. There is so much to be gained by comparatively slight effort, that one, even if not a close student, may see it manifest on every hand. And yet we are not quite happy.

The times are not "out of joint," but there is a "cursed spite," and the forces by means of which results are accomplished should be organized and arranged with the object in view of "setting them right." It is an easy task; as Jefferson Davis said when called upon by the peace commission, "If you want the war to end, quit fighting;" while the chief of the confederacy was and always will be wrong in relation to the condition of things which he sought to establish on this continent, the sentence has a peculiar aptness and fitness here which could not apply to his case, and it is on that account we use it. There is no rebellion, nothing in the political atmosphere of a decidedly threatening character here, and by applying the words we do not invoke the situation. "Stop fighting;" the words seem consecrated to the common god of justice and humanity; and when greater achievements can be accomplished thereby, results in which the honor and unity of the nation would not only not be sacrificed but actually strengthened and its interests enhanced, why not adopt them?

The fact is, that there are those among us who would, for the sake of temporary and temporal gain, sacrifice all that is greater and better in the immediate beyond. Man is a peculiar animal, so peculiar that if unguided by improper methods he will adjust his own difficulties and forego a little pertaining to himself for the sake of some trifling gain for those who constitute the grand social entity. There is but little need of strife; those who are wrong can much more easily be set right by moral suasion and the effects resulting from social attrition, than by vilification, abuse and continued agitation. Laws are violated, the system of which such laws constitute a part has erected courts and other legal machinery by means of which such infractions may be expiated; and anything beyond this would seem, on sober thought, to be superfluous.

There is little doubt that if the wishes of the majority on both sides of the political and social line in Utah were consulted, their verdict would be, in the homely but expressive phrase of the day—"Give us

a rest." The grand future which, like the rising sun, is just diffusing its beams upon us, is a matter of too much consequence to be beclouded by factional fury or contests having no other outgrowth than the discomfort of the many and the gaining of no real or permanent good to the fanciful few.

YOUNG MEN IN POLITICS.

There be those among us who say that the young men of Utah have no need to become familiar with politics and political procedure in the United States, because our parties here do not drift with the great political current just now sweeping with renewed velocity through the United States. It might as well be said that the source and supply of the sun's light, the depth of ether intervening between us and the stars, the equinoxes, the condition of inter-Africa, and the Symmes theory, should not be touched because we are not actually brought in contact with the subjects themselves.

Knowledge is power, no matter whether or not there is an immediate demand for the application of that power. There may be no opportunity to-day, and a great one to-morrow. A locomotive engine sometimes rests and even rusts in the domicile erected for its protection from the elements; but on the sudden there is an accident, a train needs extra assistance to pull through a snow drift, or some such emergency arises, and then the grand and almost godlike powers of this masterpiece of mechanism so long unused are called into needed service. Thus should it be with our young men; the acquisition of political knowledge may seem a superfluous accomplishment now, because the condition of things at home is such that it is not brought into immediate and actual service; but we are not living merely for to-day or to-morrow, but for a lifetime; and what we do not need at present, if useful at all, should be garnered and stowed away for use in the future. If it is never called for, it does not injure the possessor; if it should be demanded and he not have it, the consequences would not only be injurious to him, but might be detrimental to those whom he would prefer to assist and befriend.

There is no better, brighter or braver class of young men in the world than those inhabiting the fruitful valleys, the majestic canyons, the wealth-producing plains and the growing cities of Utah. With reasonable opportunities and the means of acquiring proper information placed within their reach Utah might become such a State as would challenge the admiration of the world. This cannot be accomplished by discouragements, by withholding from them such sources of knowledge as would enable them to develop the innate faculties which they were born with, by continually presenting to them such a condition of things as makes them look upon the present as all there is to be enjoyed in life, or by the failure to employ such devices and tactics as cause their inclinations to be trained in the direction of coming events and a knowledge of how to cope with them when they come.

By all means, let the boys, especially those more advanced in years, study the history of the country in which they live and to which they may some day be required to advance intellectual and material assistance; let them learn the difference between the parties and the principles of each; the methods by which our great national machinery is operated; and everything else having a tendency to enlarge their faculties of thought and place them in line with the best and greatest of our species. They can if they will, and they will if proper inducement are advanced and improper influences withheld. There can be no doubt of it.

"TELL THE TRUTH"

When the Democratic candidate for President of the United States was asked by a friend what reply should be made to the campaign scandal raised against him, his reply was, "TELL THE TRUTH."

No three words can be produced from the almost illimitable depths of our fruitful language which convey a sense of more innate manhood, Spartan courage and complete dedication to ennobling principles, than the above quoted.

Governor Cleveland doubtless sinned. In this, it can scarcely be claimed by even his bitterest opponent, that he was greatly different from the rest of our species. For one to yield to the tempter seems to

us the broad and deep distinction separating erring man from an unerring God, and when temptation comes in such forms and under such circumstances as appeal directly to those points of assault wherein the proposed victim is the least fortified, to withstand the influence is to accomplish what all should applaud, but very few ever do. And when he realizes the length and breadth of his error, and is willing that it with its attendant circumstances be published to the world, not vauntingly or defiantly, but sorrowfully and with a desire that those who have a right to know may not be kept in the dark at a time when they are so deeply interested, he then approaches as nearly to the standard of human moral perfection as any one who ever sins possibly can.

To confess one's faults, to say to one's friends, "I am wrong," to ask that all the facts be laid bare, is an action so rare, especially among public men, that when it occurs it ought to be heralded throughout the land and the author of it pointed out as an exemplar of morality everywhere.

Cleveland ought to be elected. He is no less immoral and a thousand times more honest and manly than his opponent. We do not approve of his wrong-doing, but we do approve of the manner in which he met it; we are no endorser of crime or wickedness, but we are an earnest endorser of the principles in man which enables him to know wherein he has gone astray and do so much as within him lies to retrace his wandering footsteps.

The Democratic candidate meets the charge against him—the only one his enemies have been able to develop—with a candid admission; the Republican candidate meets only one out of a thousand brought against him with a political and dramatic libel suit. That is the difference between the men.

"Tell the truth," even though the heavens fall.

THE WAY OF IT.

In speaking of the assassination of the Mormon elders in Tennessee, the Alta-California, of San Francisco, has the following:

The anti-Mormon crusade in Tennessee is followed up by warning all the Latter-day Saints in Lewis County to leave under pain of death. A disposition to meet force by force is manifested, and a bloody encounter may be one of the events of the near future. Mormonism will never be extirpated by such methods as this. It was in just this way that Mormonism was built up. It is true the Latter-day Saints were driven out of Missouri and Illinois by armed violence, but if that had not been done the sect would have never developed fanaticism enough to go off a thousand miles into the desert, and plant polygamy in a place where the government is well nigh powerless to control it.

When it is considered that the paper quoted is not specially friendly to the Mormons or their cause, the above lines are remarkable by reason of the spirit of fairness which runs through them. They show a disposition, unfortunately too rare for the welfare of our race, to condemn crime by whomsoever committed and oppose criminals wherever they may be found.

It ought to be pretty well settled by this time that gunpowder never yet blew an idea out of existence, and that persecution was never known to disintegrate a religious body. The employment of such tactics against the Mormon church may occasionally result in discomfiture, disaster and even death to a few, but the great body of the organization will be made more compact and receive larger additions to its numbers thereby. Sensible people everywhere know this, and none but blinded and unthinking bigots will attempt to deny it.

THE TAMMANY TRICKSTERS.

The miserable, halting and shifting course of the Tammany wing of the Democratic party in New York, may be said to have forced its culmination at last, and will support Cleveland and Hendricks in November. This may be a source of gratification to those who understand that internal dissension is the food of outside opposition; but in any other view of the case there is nothing to be exultant over; the question was whether or not the national party should surrender to John Kelly and his following, everyone interested realizing the fact that if the malcontents did not fall into line they would no longer be recognized as a factor of the Democracy and the party would thus be well rid of them; but since they have decided to enter the contest and support the ticket, we still have them as a part of us, a mean, holy fact which is counterbalanced only by the assurance which it brings of an increased majority for Cleveland in New York.

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